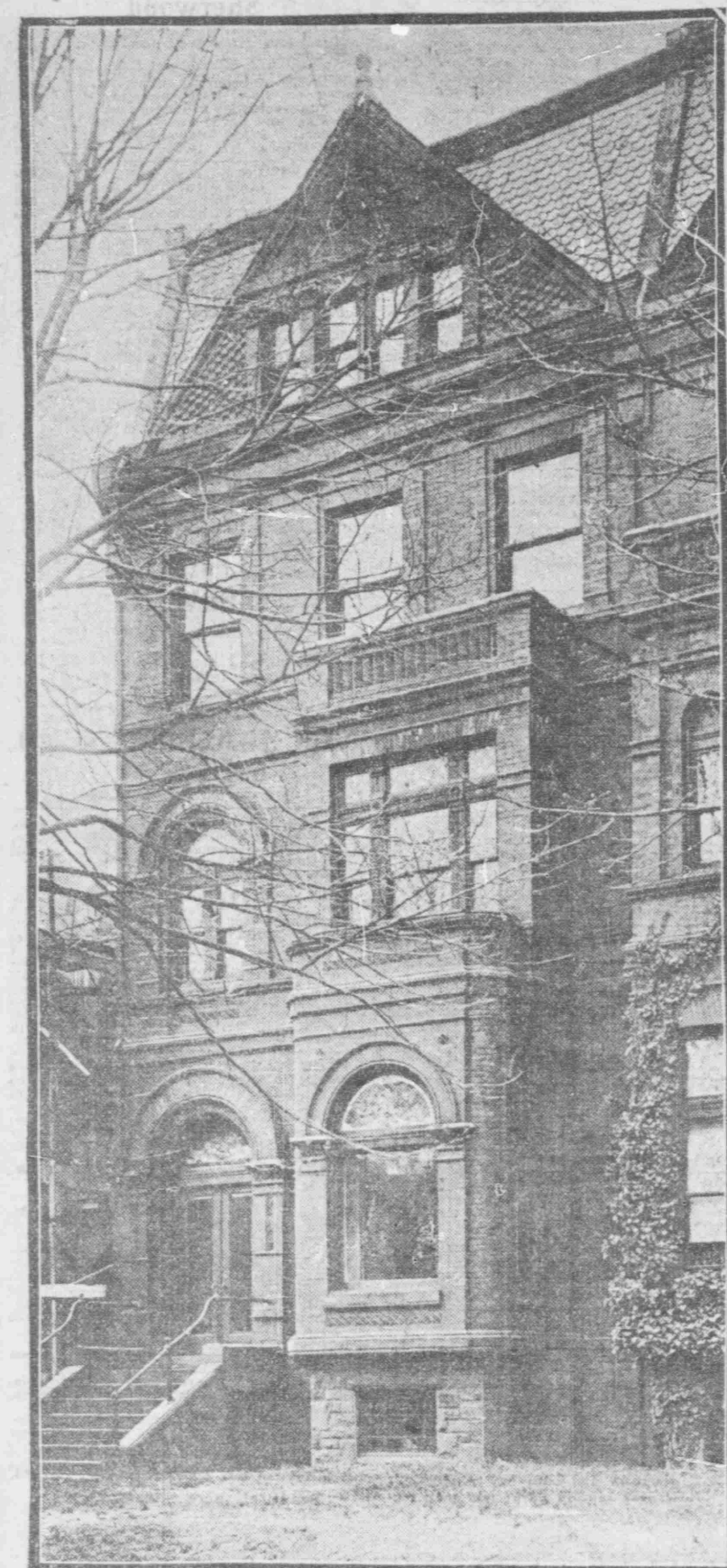


APARTMENTS, DWELLINGS, SHOPS IN COURSE OF ERECTION

Clay Evans' Residence To Be Quesada's Home



H. CLAY EVANS' FAMOUS HOUSE, NOW OWNED BY CUBAN MINISTER, GONZALO D E QUESADA.

Cuban Government May Build Legation for Minister.

The increasing interest which is being taken by other governments or their representatives in the value of Washington property is shown by the extensive purchases that have been made from time to time by the various diplomatic representatives of the countries accredited to this Government.

The purchase of the large brick and stone residence, 1750 Massachusetts avenue, by the wife of the minister from Cuba, Senor Don Gonzalo de Quesada, is one of the important transactions in residential property of the present year.

Will Live There Himself.

It is stated that Minister Quesada does not intend to use this residence for legation purposes, but purchased it for his own private home, and after some necessary alterations have been made and the house handsomely decorated he will take possession and establish himself permanently.

The property adjoins the palatial mansion now under construction by Clarence Moore, while in the immediate neighborhood are the homes of Senator Lodge, Representative Joseph Shibley, Wayne MacVeach, Arthur Lee, Dr. Z. T. Sowers, William S. Carroll, Gen. John M. Wilson, Commodore R. R. Wallace, J. W. Lockett, Dr. Ralph Jenkins, James B. Goodell, and others of equal social and political prominence.

Cuba May Build Legation.

It is stated that as among the early possibilities the government of Cuba may purchase or build a legation building and that something like \$15,000 will be expended in that direction.

While the agents who effected the sale were not at liberty to state the price paid, it is understood that a figure approximating \$30,000 was nearly correct.

Was Clay Evans' Home.

The property was owned by Henry Clay Evans, former Commissioner of Pensions and later consul general at London, who during a portion of his absence from this country rented it to Secretary Leslie M. Shaw. The deal was made by Chesley & Chesley, in connection with E. C. Brainerd.

NEW DWELLINGS PLANNED FOR RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

John L. and Bates Warren will erect four two-story brick and stone dwellings on Rhode Island avenue, between First and Second streets northwest, after plans prepared by Hunter & Bell, architects. The houses will be furnished with all modern requirements, and the plans show them to be unusually pretty and designed with excellent taste. These gentlemen have been instrumental in building up a large part of the city, and have added greatly to the taxable income of the District government.

E. S. ALVORD RENTS CLOVERDALE HOME

Famous Old Manor House Was Constructed in 1801.

Louis P. Shoemaker Has Old Parchment Land Grants.

Pierces and Shoemakers Have Always Lived on the Estate.

Louis P. Shoemaker, as part owner and executor under the will of his father, Pierce Shoemaker, has leased to E. S. Alvord, "Cloverdale," the home-stand of the Shoemaker family, near Pierce's Mill road or Shoemaker's Mill, on Rock creek adjacent to the park.

It is interesting to note that for the first time in more than a hundred years, this old homestead is to be occupied by a family other than that of the Pierces or Shoemakers.

Isaac Pierce, the great granduncle of Louis P. Shoemaker, purchased this property and established a home there upon one of the most beautiful promontories west of and overlooking historic Rock creek fully thirty years before Washington was laid out as the Federal city. Mr. Pierce came down from Pennsylvania about 1773, and about the same time came David Shoemaker, whose progenitors settled in Pennsylvania with William Penn.

Constructed in 1801. Several of the old stone buildings now upon the Cloverdale property bear the initials of Isaac Pierce and the date of their construction in 1801, which was about the time the United States Government assumed jurisdiction over the District of Columbia. Perhaps there are few, if any, homesteads in the District which have remained so many years in one family. This property is near the site of the new Carnegie Institute building, recently purchased from Mr. Shoemaker. It is only a few minutes' walk from Connecticut avenue, the United States Bureau of Standards, and the site of the proposed new building for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The old Pierce Mill, now within Rock Creek Park, was built by Abner C. Pierce in 1820, and owned by his nephew, Pierce Shoemaker, at the time of his death in 1881, about which time it was acquired by the United States for the purposes of the park. Many rare and handsome trees adorn the place. Among them are a white pine and a shagbark, now of immense size, which were brought from Pennsylvania by Isaac Pierce in his saddle bags when returning on horseback from a trip there more than seventy-five years ago.

Land Grants on Parchment.

Mr. Shoemaker had in his possession the old land grants written upon parchment issued for this property by English authority many years before the Revolution, and interspersed by the chancellor of England.

The completion of the Connecticut avenue bridge over Rock creek portends the great future of the territory west of Rock creek and along the line of Connecticut avenue which extends from the best section of Washington city, through a part of the District noted for its undulating surface and general attractiveness. Connecticut avenue leads directly to Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase, which are perhaps the most desirable suburban settlements beyond the city.

Congress, at its last session, made provision in part for sewerage facilities in that section by the appropriation of \$25,000 for a sewer up the Soapstone valley, and also the sum of \$10,000 to commence the work of grading and regulating Albemarle street east from Connecticut avenue to Broad Branch road and Rock Creek Park. Both of these public improvements have been much needed by the residents of that section and they have been urged upon Congress for the past four or five years.

Improvement Rapidly Following.

The land for this portion of Albemarle street, of the full width of ninety feet and valued at \$30,000, has been secured to the District of Columbia without expense. It having been donated by Louis P. Shoemaker, trustee for the Pierce Shoemaker estate. Private development and improvement are rapidly following (as it always does in the District), public improvements. This is proved by recent sales which have been made and by the homes established in Cleveland Park, Annapolis, Connecticut, Avenue Highlands, Chevy Chase and Connecticut Avenue Terrace.

Already along the line of Connecticut avenue in addition to these subdivisions will be found the new \$150,000 building of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, the United States Bureau of Standards, the Army and Navy Preparatory School, the handsome colonial home of Scott E. Welker on Pierce Mill road and others.

Holy Cross Sisters to Build.

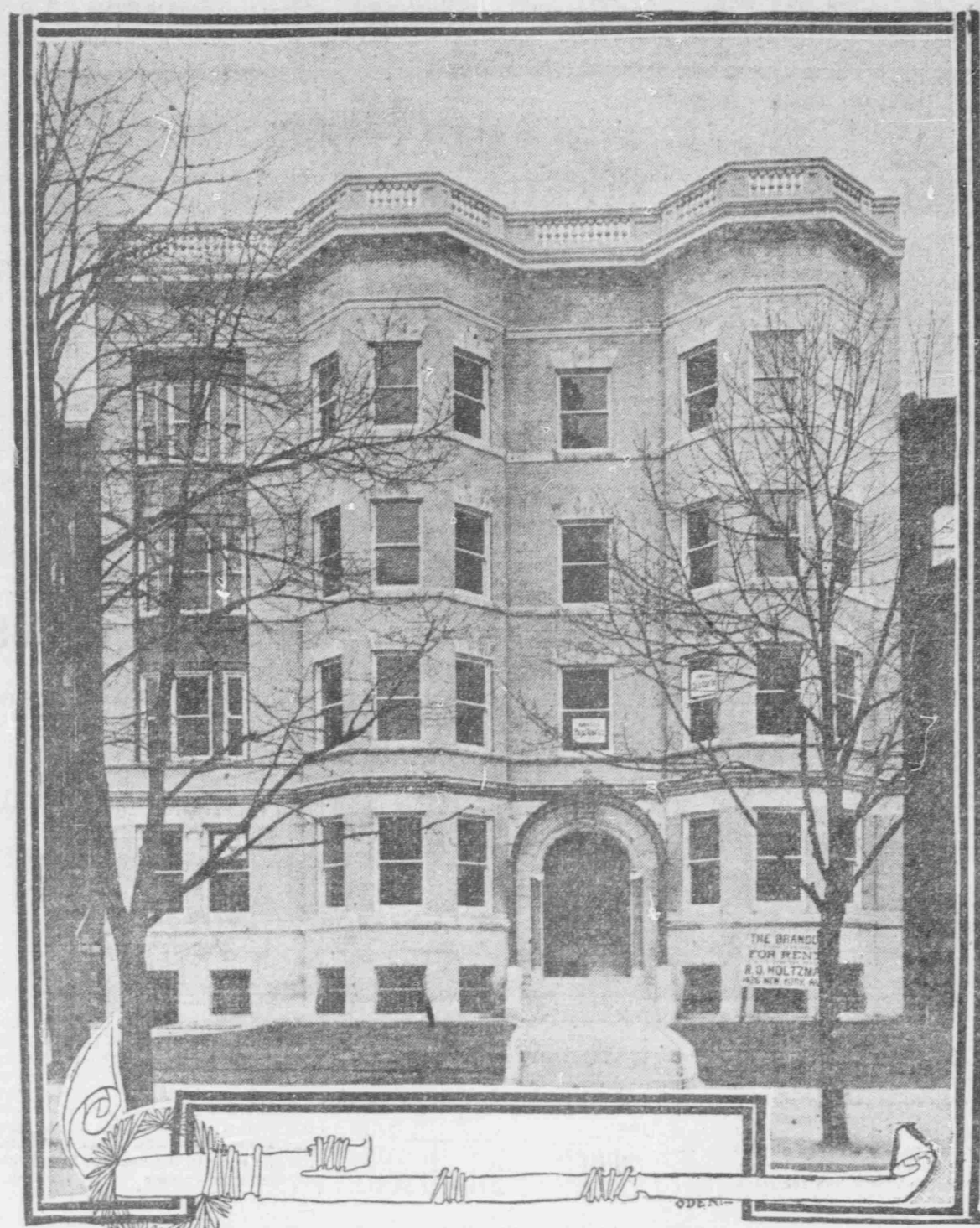
The Sisters of the Holy Cross, a large Catholic educational institution located on Massachusetts avenue in the city between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, have acquired more than twenty acres on Pierce Mill road near Connecticut avenue, and they will soon construct thereon a building from plans now being prepared, at an estimated cost of \$125,000.

Louis P. Shoemaker reports several recent sales in Annapolis, near Connecticut avenue. One to Mrs. William Hinds, of one and one-half acres; acre lots to Joseph Ludewig and H. C. Dickinson; two acres to E. H. Ashworth; and one acre to Jesse H. Crawford. Residences are being constructed by the purchasers.

THIRTY YEARS OF BARGAINING.

It appears that coin collectors are reluctant to give up a thing they have once started to attain. Henry Chapman, Jr., of Philadelphia, after negotiating over thirty years, has at last bought the numismatic collection of Matthew A. Stickney, of Salem.

FINE BUILDING COMPLETED



THE BRANDON, AT TWELFTH STREET AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, CONTAINING EIGHT APARTMENTS, AND HAVING FIRE-PROOF PORCHES.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE FINISHED IN JUST A YEAR

Builders of the Brandon Took Time to Get It Right.

The Brandon Apartment House, at 1210 Massachusetts avenue northwest, which is now having the finishing touches put upon it, was begun just one year ago. While this seems an unusually long period for the construction of a building of this size, considering the rapidity with which the modern sky scraper is erected, the time would seem well spent from the fact that nothing has been left undone to insure the safety, comfort, and convenience of future tenants.

Eight Apartments.

The front is of light colored impervious brick and Indiana limestone, and the design, while belonging to no distinctive type of architecture, might be covered by the term "modified American," as it is one which is very popular with builders of modern apartment houses. The house contains eight apartments, all the rooms being unusually large and well lighted, and the interior finishing, which in the living rooms is in oak, is of a special pleasing character.

The main entrance is through a wide vestibule, finished entirely with white marble, while the main stairway, constructed of oak, is broad and easy of access.

Fire-Proof Porch.

A feature which is much appreciated in the few apartment houses that have adopted the idea is a large fireproof porch opening out from the kitchen with stairs and service elevator to the yard below.

The locality, one of the most delightful in the city, the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Twelfth street, in which is situated the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, is said to be one of the highest points in the older portion of the city. Within a radius of two squares there are nearly a score of fine apartment houses, as the convenience to the business section is much appreciated by those who wish to be within easy walking distance of their offices.

STRANGE LACK OF A UNIVERSITY

There is no professorship of English literature in the great English university of Cambridge. This is queer, and no doubt surprises Americans who suppose they know something about English schools. But after these many centuries Prof. Skeat makes apparently the first appeal for such a chair, quoting an American university president who assured him that "in our universities English takes the first place," and adding that in England "it takes the ninth or tenth, if that."—Cleveland Leader.

Real Estate Transfers Recorded

Navy place southeast, between C and F streets—Mary E. Freeman et vir, Joseph R. to Philip H. Deis, lots 114 to 120, and 124, square 578, \$10.
East Capitol street southeast, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets—Washington Real Estate Company to James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, lot 47, square 1038, \$10. Carrie E. T. Knox to same, lots 25 and 26, square 1036, \$10.
Trinidad—Nema M. Whitaker, et vir, Horace W., to John E. Bonini, lot 101, block 1, \$10.
Columbia Heights—Joseph J. Moebis et ux, Harry J. O'Connor, lot 78, block 2, \$10.
145 Columbia street northwest—Frank W. Tucker et ux, to Benjamin Kritt and Mary Kritt, lot 6, square 365, \$10.
1812 Tenth street northwest—Catherine G. Lane to Michael O'Donoghue, lot 26, square 324, \$10.
Park View—Middaugh & Shannon, Inc. to Otto E. Brattmayer, lot 21, square 305, \$10.
407 K street northwest—Josephine Kaler et al. to Wilhelmine Geier, part lot 1, square 515, \$10.
1817 H street northwest—John S. Larcombe et ux, to Augustus P. Gardiner, part original lot 4, square 105, \$10.
Woodley Park—Maggie F. Riley to Thomas E. Waggoner, lot 6, block 10, \$10.
Twelfth and D streets southeast—Delmas C. Stuller et al., trustees, to James A. Clark, lot 22, square 100, \$12.50.
1412 Fifteenth street northwest and 1530 O street northwest—Kate F. Smith et al. to Harvey T. Winfield, undivided 48-49 interest in lot 106 and part lot 67, square 186, \$10. Harvey T. Winfield conveys entire property to Kate Smith and Harvey T. Winfield, \$10.
6 C street northeast—James A. Toomey et al., trustees, to John Kane, lot 27, square 88, \$2,500.
Eighth street northeast between H and I streets—Loring Chappel to Jacob Persing, part lot 28, square 121, block 15, \$10.
1459 Pierce place northwest—Henry A. Willard et ux, to William Fleming Wilson, lot 103, square 296, \$2,700.
Twenty-first street northwest, between O and P streets—Dwight Anderson to John A. Hughes, lot 7, square 88, \$10.
E street southeast, between First and Second streets—Thomas H. Pickford et ux, to Sanford Edie, lot 147, square 736, \$10.
Nineteenth street northwest between Fourteenth and Fifteenth—Sanford Edie to Malcolm W. Hill, Norman A. Hill, and Anna B. Sadler, original lots 10 to 18, square 1067, \$10.
E street southeast, between First and Second streets—Same to same, lot 147, square 736, \$10.
Moore and Harbour's Second Addition—Francis A. Blunden et ux, to Clara L. Dabney, lot 55, block 16, \$10.
Nineteenth street northwest between Q and R streets—Joseph D. Sullivan to Mattie A. Daiseh, lot 15, square 134, \$10.
Sixth street southwest between Q and H streets—John D. W. Williams to Emma Williams, part original lot 22, square 408, \$10.
1645 D street northwest—Jacob Levin et ux, to Walter I. Lembeck, lot 27, square 629, \$10.
T street northwest between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets—Elmer E. Ramey et al., trustees, to John J. Brosnan, lot 4, square 257, \$3,500. John J. Brosnan conveys same property to Richard E. Pairo, \$10.
1316 L street northwest—William M. Bailey et ux, to Mary E. Merrill, lot 27, square 248, \$10.
First street northwest, between N and O streets—D. McAuliffe et ux, to Charles Mannix, lot 107, square 617, \$10.
1243 G street northeast—Adrian E. Cox to John G. Lederer, lot 40, square 134, \$10.
1334 U street northwest—Mary A. Poler to Ludwig W. Dolcke, lot 74, square 180, \$10. Ludwig W. Dolcke conveys same property to Alfred H. Taylor, \$10.
Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—Henry W. Henry et ux, to Henry H. Kraemer, lot 23, block 4, \$10.
Meridian Hill—Michael J. Keane to John Miller, half interest in lots 8 to 11, block 15, \$10.

ALEXANDRIA TO HAVE LARGEST STORE WINDOW

Alexandria will soon have a store whose window expansion will be larger than any single store in this city. C. E. Webb, architect of this city, having prepared plans for the remodeling of the store of Mrs. William E. Swan & Bro. at King and Pitt streets, which provides a show window thirty-seven feet across the front. The entire front of the building is intended to be quite elaborate, while the general rearrangement of the interior is to be on quite an extensive scale, making it entirely modern and up-to-date.

AWARD RECTORY CONTRACT TO THE CASSIDY COMPANY

The Charles J. Cassidy Company has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new rectory building for the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, at the northeast corner of Fifteenth street and Park road, Columbia Heights, at an estimated cost of \$18,000.

THOMAS L. LEWIS BUILDING ON RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

Timothy L. Lewis will build a two-story brick dwelling at 132 Rhode Island avenue northeast after plans prepared by Architect N. R. Grimm. A building permit has been secured, and work will proceed at once. The cost of the house is about \$12,500. With the large amount of building now under contract in this locality, it will soon be thick with neat and comfortable dwellings of modest size.

HARRIMAN PURCHASES FIFTH AVENUE LOT

E. H. Harriman has purchased the vacant lot at the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Sixty-second street, New York, and intends to build a handsome residence upon it.

The Harriman purchase is interesting in more ways than one. It is one of the largest purchases of this character of the year and it takes out of the market the only remaining vacant corner of Fifth avenue south of Seventy-second street. Mr. Harriman's intention to build a residence at this point would seem to indicate either that he had satisfied himself that the business invasion of the avenue, which has now reached to within a few blocks south of this corner, would not overtake him, or he is willing to take the chance.

CHANGING TO STORE 13TH STREET HOUSE

The rapid march of business is more and more along the numbered streets, and almost daily the announcement is made of the change from dwellings to business property of houses that but a few years ago were in the center of the residential section. This is particularly noticeable along Thirteenth street, north of F street, where the coming of the Masonic Temple has served to give an impetus to changes in the houses of the neighborhood.

Architect C. E. Webb has been commissioned to prepare plans for the alteration and remodeling of the premises 718 Thirteenth street, which at present comprises a well-constructed four-story dwelling, which will be converted into a store property, with apartments on the upper floors, so arranged that they can be readily changed to office rooms when required by the needs of business in the locality. A new front will be constructed, to be built in the pebble-dash style, and interior alterations necessary to make it suitable for the use intended. The cost will be about \$5,000. Mrs. K. J. Falconer is the owner of the property.

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